GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Killing of CRPF Personnel at Sukma
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a Central Reserve Police Force which lost 14 of its men in an encounter with the Maoists near Kasalpara village in Sukma on December 1, 2014 had deviated from its planned route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the deviation from the planned route took place because seven CRPF men were suffering from cerebral malaria; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): On the basis of intelligence inputs, a multi-phased operation was launched by Central Reserve Police Force(CRPF) and State police on 16.11.2014 in the area of Chintagufa Police Station, District Sukma, Chhattisgarh. During the operation, it was reported that six (6) security forces personnel in the team were infected with malaria. It was decided to evacuate the sick personnel through helicopter. But the helicopter could not land due to water logging and heavy undergrowth in the area of the identified landing site. Since the condition of the personnel was serious, the troops decided to move towards village Kasalpara, Sukma, where suitable space for helicopter landing was available and had to change the original plan envisaged in the operation to facilitate evacuation of the said sick personnel.

(d): Corrective measures include strengthening training of troops, case studies of important incidents, analysis of GPS log to monitor movement of the troops, setting up of Field Surgical Units (FSUs) and field hospitals to treat the wounded personnel during operations, strengthening of air support for evacuation of injured persons and development of night landing facilities to facilitate immediate evacuation.
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